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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Supports National Public Lands Day, Sept. 27

CELINA, TENN, Sept 22, 2008 —Thousands of local volunteers at more than 100 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project sites will participate in this year's 15th annual National Public Lands Day Sept. 27, the largest annual volunteer hands-on restoration activity of its kind. Activities include the clean up, repairs, refurbishments and other volunteer events in parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, cultural and historic sites and other public lands and waters and involve more than 120,000 volunteers at 1,500 sites nationwide, including Dale Hollow Lake located in the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee and Kentucky.

National Public Lands Day volunteers at federal sites receive free admission Sept. 27 and a coupon to return for "fee-free" day use activity any time in the next year at any project site managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management.

In addition, this year's National Public Lands Day kicks-off an interagency pledge of cooperation among the eight federal land management agencies to promote the new "Get Outdoors-It's Yours" national campaign. This national initiative will raise awareness of the opportunities for America's youth to reengage with nature and to encourage children and their families to spend more time participating in outdoor education, recreation and stewardship activities. You can learn more by visiting www.getoutdoorsitsyours.gov.

Last year, National Public Lands Day involved 110,000 volunteers at 1,300 sites. Volunteers removed more than 500,000 pounds of trash, built and maintained 720 miles of trails, and planted 55,000 trees among many other tasks. National Public Lands Day partners include federal agencies, National Environmental Education Foundation and other nonprofit groups, 125 state, county and city agencies, and several corporate sponsors.

The Corps has been involved with National Public Lands Day since its inception in 1994 and has consistently been one of the largest providers of sites and volunteers participating in the event. The Corps of Engineers is the number one federal provider of outdoor recreation, managing more than 12 million acres of land and water for natural resources and public recreation benefits. The Corps' 2,476 recreation sites at 423 projects offer a wide range of opportunities and facilities for outdoor recreation.

To Better Serve The Public

So, don't sit on the sidelines! Get outdoors on Saturday September 27th and be an active participant in National Public Lands Day at Dale Hollow Lake. Dale Hollow's annual Shoreline Cleanup will begin at 8:00 am, and the check-in stations for this event will be located at Pleasant Grove Recreation Area, Obey River Recreation Area, Lillydale Recreation Area, and at the Dale Hollow State Resort Park Marina. Free trash bags will be provided.

Later in the day, all Shoreline Cleanup volunteers are invited to join us for a free picnic cookout sponsored by the Friends of Dale Hollow Lake, Inc. The picnic will be held at the Dale Hollow Dam Recreation Area shelter at 1:00 PM, and free door prizes will be awarded to the cleanup volunteers. **All door prize winners must be present to win.**

If you would like more information or to pre-register and be a part of this year's Shoreline Cleanup, call the Resource Manager's Office at (931) 243-3136, and help to get that litter off of the Dale Hollow shorelines and into the trash bags. We hope to see you on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

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